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SUBJECT: GRAND DUKE'S VISIT TO USSR

REF: LUXEMBOURG 0097

FOLLOWING MAY 2 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GRAND DUKE'S
STATE VISIT TO USSR IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5-10, 1975,
CHARGE ASKED MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL PIERRE WURTH WHETHER GOL'S
CONDITIONS FOR VISIT (SEE REFTEL) HAD BEEN MET BY SOVIETS.
WURTH REPLIED THAT PRIME MINISTER THORN HAD TOLD SOVIET
AMBASSADOR KOSSAREV THREE WEEKS AGO THAT UNLESS MOSCOW
SETS DATES SOON FOR VISIT, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
SCHEDULE GRAND DUKE FOR A LEAST ANOTHER YEAR, SINCE THORN
WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED WITH THE UNGA AND EC PRESIDENCIES
STARTING THIS SUMMER. SOVIETS QUICKLY PROPOSED JUNE
5-10 DATES AND ASKED WHETHER GOL WOULD AGREE TO JOINT COMMUNI-
QUE AT THE END OF VISIT. THORN ANSWERED THAT HE EXPECTS
TO BE RECEIVED AS CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT BY BREZHNEV AND KOSYGIN,
AND THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS COULD WELL RESELT IN FINAL
COMMUNIQUE. SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET COMMITTED BREZHNEV/KOSYGIN
TO MEETING WITH THORN, BUT MOSCOW KNOWS THAT NO COMMUNIQUE
WILL BE ISSUED IF SUCH MEETING DOES NOT TAKE PLACE. WURTH
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SAID THAT THORN MIGHT EVEN CANCEL HIS OWN PARTICIPATION

IN THE TRIP, IF HIS SOVIET "COUNTERPARTS" REFUSE TO RECEIVE
HIM. WURTH ADDED THAT BILATERAL CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT AND
ARBED STEEL CONTRACT WITH THE SOVIETS WILL BE SIGNED
DURING THE STATE VISIT.
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